

National Physical and Sensory Disability Database Statistics 2015

The Demographics

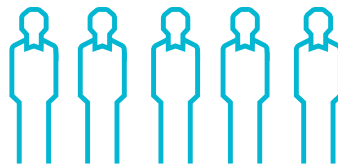
22,813
service users¹

1. Consent is obtained prior to registration on the database and participation is voluntary so it is not intended to act as an epidemiological tool but is used to aid service planning.

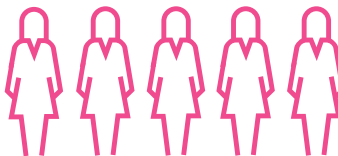
2011-2015

13,710

service users
registered/
reviewed



51.9%
male



48.1%
female

Type of Disability

36.9% multiple disabilities
28.7% neurological
16.7% physical
7.5% speech/language
5.6% visual
4.6% hearing loss/deafness

Age groups

2.9% 19.9% 10.8% 8.6%
0-4 years 5-12 years 13-17 years 18-24 years

13.7% 30.8% 13.3%
25-39 years 40-59 years 60-65 years



84.9% of service users lived with family members
4.3% lived in full-time residential settings
63.1% had a primary carer, of which
96.4% lived with the service user

Participation in everyday living

The measure of activity and participation (MAP) is a WHO ICF-based measure that captures the subjective experience of people with a physical/sensory disability about their participation in everyday living.

2011-2015

9,083

service users registered/
reviewed and aged 16+

Barriers and challenges

Barriers to participation experienced in the previous 12 months



55.8%

physical
environment



55.8%

climate/weather



42.7%

income

Participation restriction

Restricted participation in major life areas experienced in the previous 12 months



58.8%

socialising




57.1%

shopping



54.2%

sports or physical
recreation



Assessment of difficulties experienced due to physical/sensory disability (WHODAS 2.0)

Difficulty with functioning in daily activities in the previous 30 days

86.2%

The majority of people reported that the difficulties they experienced interfered with life overall



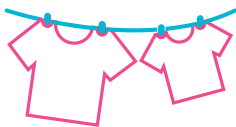
73.3%
emotionally affected



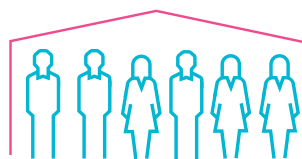
70.8%
standing for long periods



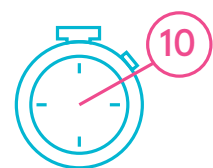
69.5%
walking long distances



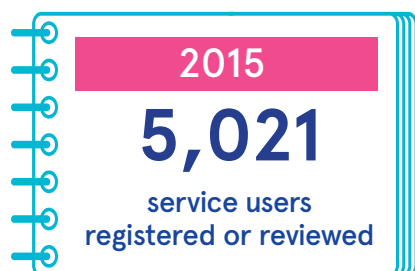
60.3%
household responsibilities



56.6%
joining in community activities



40.5%
concentrating for 10 minutes/
learning a new task



Services provided to people with physical and sensory disabilities

Percentages of people
receiving one or more
of the following types
of services:

Services required 2016–2020

(In addition to those
provided in 2015)

Percentages of people
requiring one or more
of the following types
of services:



Therapeutic intervention
and rehabilitation services
including physiotherapy,
community resource work
and occupational therapy

92.8%

27.8%



Assistive products (technical
aids and appliances)
including special furniture
and other aids to personal
care, aids to mobility and
aids to hearing

72.3%

14.0%



Day services/activities
including mainstream
schools, open employment
and day activation services

56.4%

12.7%



Personal assistance and
support services including
home help, personal
assistant and peer support

28.3%

7.9%



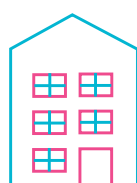
Respite services

Emergency respite services

12.5%

0.7%

5.7%



Residential services

3.6%

0.9%